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the fine art of wildlife in glass
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To Chuck Oliver, Glenda Wiles and all others involved in the Lost Horse Quarry reopening Proposal:

No Quarry!! I am a wildlife artist. I am leasing 32 acres on Lost Horse Rd about 3 miles from Hwy 93.

I moved here about 6 weeks ago to have a sanctuary to do my work and observe the wildlife. I travel to teach and do shows in large cities. I live off Lost Horse Rd. for the solitude and so that I can have the moose, elk, deer, wild turkey, black bear, and all other bird life and small critters wander through my property. Wildlife come to drink in Lost Horse Creek which is at the base of my property.

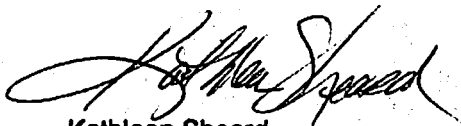
I recently lived for 3 ½ years outside Haines, Alaska. I lived 33 miles north on the Haines Hwy. I have friends that own 40 plus acres at approximately 39 mile Haines, Hwy. A private contractor approached a public entity and was allowed access to blast a cliff that borders the back of my friends property to quarry the rock. It was to be for just a few months. It lasted for many months. The blasting, the trucks, the noise of the big equipment. NO. It disrupted my friend's lives. They had no peace of mind while the blasting and removal of the rock continued. The air quality and noise level was harmful to their health. Other friends live a little past 40 mile. The jack hammering was heard up and down the Chilkat/ Kelhini Valley. Having the extra large trucks on the highway did not contribute to the enjoyment or safety of riding my bike or walking along said highway.

If the quarry is allowed to reopen there will be no more walking dogs down our dirt road. There will be no more horse back riding. There will be no more solitude let alone the wildlife and people it will displace. Including the people that come to this area to hike, climb, cross-country ski, snowshoe and to explore all the wonders of nature found in this place.

I personally will have to listen to the outrageous noise being so close to the site. I will have to breathe all the extra dust that will be in the air. It will pollute Lost Horse Creek. There is no way around that. NO THANK-YOU!!

Not even for a minute...and definitely not for 10 years.

Respectively submitted,



Kathleen Sheard
Wildlife Artist
Resident of Lost Horse Rd.

